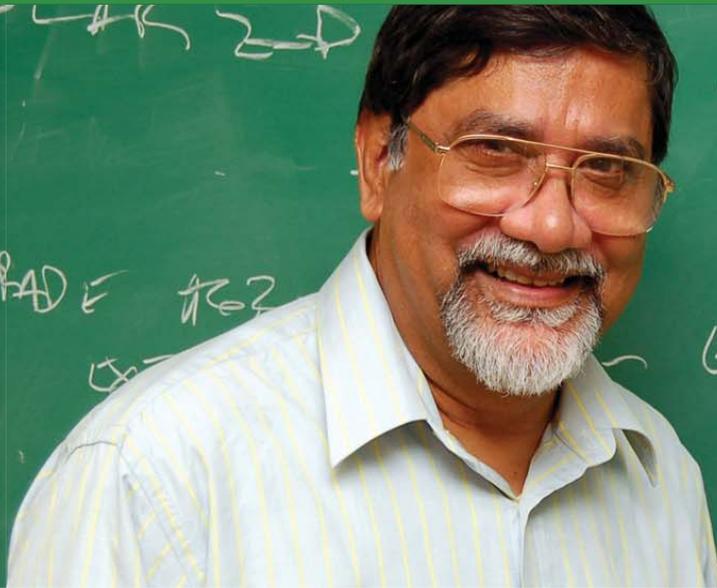


Political Science

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)



Political Challenges & Political Changes

Discover world economics, policy making, and political relationships with a degree in Political Science from Black Hills State University. The political arena is ever-changing. Congressional power shifts keep law makers and history writers busy. For a career that is fast-paced and challenging; has great employment opportunities; and can be your catalyst into the political scene, the BHSU Political Science degree is a great choice for you.

Prepare For Your Future

As a Political Science student at BHSU, you'll study world events from a variety of perspectives and strive to unravel the history and development of political systems. You will examine different types of political organizations from various eras in history through classes in Governments of the World, State and Local Government, International Political Economy, and Political Philosophy. You'll learn to identify political practices and to explore new proposals and ideas. In the process, you will develop good written and verbal communication skills which are crucial for the clear and accurate articulation of issues and views.

Learn From The Best

You will learn from dedicated, politically-involved professors who keep pace with the dynamic world of politics. The political science faculty members have been honored with national teaching awards, and continue to promote political science education on a national level through the "We the People" program. The BHSU professors also publish scholarly essays and books, staying abreast of current political issues.

Enjoy The Experience

By joining the BHSU Political Science Association you will meet regularly to participate in political discussions and debates. The Pre-Law Association is open to people from any major interested in law school, political science majors often have a strong interest in the organization. As a member you will prepare for law school admission and for the law school experience. As a political science major, you may also be interested in interning with the South Dakota State Legislature, the Governor's Office and the U.S. Representative and Senate offices. Black Hills State is your ticket into the political arena.

find your career:

Graduates with a political science degree regularly find employment in business, non-profit organizations, and government on the state and local levels. Employment can also be found working for individual political campaigns and for state and national political party organizations. Because of their knowledge of government and politics, graduates sometimes choose employment with the news media. Finally, a number of our students decide to attend law school or graduate school.

Because of the wide range of courses offered, the faculty's broad expertise, and the rigor of instruction, the Political Science major will help you gain an excellent foundation for graduate programs in various areas, because of the wide range of courses offered, the faculty's broad expertise, and the rigor of instruction.

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Required Core

- 3 POLS 100 American Government **
- 3 POLS 141 Governments of the World**
- 3 POLS 210 State and Local Government**
- 3 POLS 250 World Politics**
- 3 POLS 400 The President and Congress
- 3 POLS 411 International Political Economy
- SS 350 Introduction to Research Methods
- 3 Take one of the following:**
 - POLS 461 Early Political Philosophy
 - POLS 462 Modern Political Philosophy
 - POLS 465 Contemporary Political Thought

12- Take 4 additional courses; no more than 2 from each category below and no course can be repeated from above.

U.S. Government Emphasis

- POLS 320 Public Administration
- POLS 402 Judicial Process
- POLS 417 American Indian Government & Politics
- POLS 430 Constitutional Law
- POLS 476 History of South Dakota
- SOC 400 Social Policy

Political Philosophy Emphasis

- POLS 461 Early Political Philosophy
- POLS 462 Modern Political Philosophy
- POLS 465 Contemporary Political Thought

Comparative & International Relations Emphasis

- HIST 313 History of the Middle East
- POLS 341 Europe Democratic Government
- POLS 349 Politics of Nonwestern Nations
- POLS 418 History of Latin America
- POLS 459 Political Geography
- POLS 469 American Foreign Relations

General Education Requirements

- Gen Ed - Mathematics *3 semester hours*
- Gen Ed - Social Science *3 semester hours*
- Gen Ed - Arts & Humanities *12 semester hours*
- Gen Ed - Natural Science AND Lab *6-8 semester hours*
- ENGL 101 - Composition I
- ENGL 201 - Composition II
- SPCM 101, OR SPCM 215, OR SPCM 222 *Speech*
- WEL 100 - Wellness for Life AND WEL 100L Lab

A *minor* is required with this major plus electives to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300-400 level courses.

**Completes one general education requirement.